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SUBJ: PANAM OPERATIONS IN UK

1. DTI (BROWN) CALLED TODAY TO INFORM US OF TWO RECENT OCCURRENCES IN WHICH HE SAID PAN AMERICAN APPEARS TO BE IN VIOLATION OF TERMS OF BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT.

2. BROWN NOTED THAT DTI HAD READ IN CAB PUBLISHED ORDERS AND EXEMPTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 12 THAT PANAM HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED RETROACTIVELY BY CAB TO CARRY 162 TWA CHARTER PASSENGERS FROM PARIS TO LONDON ON SCHEDULED FLIGHT NOVEMBER 11. DTI, IN LETTER OF DECEMBER 12, TO PANAM OFFICE HERE REQUESTED EXPLANATION OF THIS SINCE THERE NO RECORD OF /UK PERMISSION TO OPERATE FLIGHT. LETTER HAD REQUESTED PANAM RESPONSE IN 10 DAYS BUT NO REPLY YET RECEIVED.

3. IN SECOND COMPLAINT, BROWN POINTED OUT THAT DTI HAD RECEIVED COPY OF PANAM PRESS RELEASE MADE IN BERLIN STATING PANAM WOULD BEGIN PROVIDING LONDON/AMSTERDAM/BERLIN AND RETURN SERVICE WITH ITS FLIGHTS 625/624 DECEMBER 4.

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4. BROWN SAID IN HIS VIEW THERE NO AUTHORITY IN

US/UK BILATERAL FOR SERVICES DESCRIBED IN PARAS (2) AND (3) ABOVE. DTI, TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED IN EITHER CASE. IN REGARD BERLIN SERVICE, TRIPARTITE CIVIL AIR ATTACHE PERMISSION ALSO REQUIRED. DTI HAD REQUESTED PANAM EXPLANATION OF LONDON/BERLIN SERVICE BY TELEX DECEMBER 20 WITH REPLY REQUESTED BY COB DECEMBER 21. BROWN MADE POINT THAT THERE MAY BE SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION OF BOTH INCIDENTS, BUT WANTED TO BE CERTAIN WE AWARE AND THAT PANAM UNDERSTANDS TIMELY REPLIES TO DTI INQUIRIES ARE EXPECTED.

5. WE DISCUSSED ABOVE WITH PANAM DIRECTOR (MOORE) DECEMBER 20. HE SAID HE AWARE OF DTI LETTER OF DECEMBER 12 ON PARIS/LONDON FLIGHT AND WORKING UP FACTS FOR AN ANSWER. HE KNEW THAT FLIGHT HAD OPERATED AND SAID PANAM PARIS OFFICE HAD INFORMED HIM PERMISSION HAD BEEN GRANTED BUT WAS NOT SURE IF THIS REFERRED ONLY TO CAB PERMISSION. IN REGARD LONDON/AMSTERDAM/BERLIN, MOORE SAID PANAM HAS BEGUN OPERATING THIS SERVICE, WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS "CHANGE OF GAUGE" AT LONDON. PANAM APPARENTLY CONSIDERS IT DOES NOT NEED ADDITIONAL UK/US OR CIVIL AIR ATTACHE AUTHORITY. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF DTI TELEX INQUIRY OF DECEMBER 20, BUT SAID ANY INQUIRIES ON BERLIN SERVICE WOULD BE REFERRED TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON OFFICES OF PANAM BEFORE RESPONSE GIVEN TO DTI.

6. COMMENT: DTI, OR AT LEAST BROWN, SEEMS EXERCISED OVER WAY PANAM IN HIS VIEW PLAYING FAST AND LOOSE WITH TRAFFIC RIGHTS INTO AND OUT OF UK. PANAM MAY HAVE INADVERTENTLY OVERLOOKED OBTAINING UK AUTHORITY FOR PARIS/LONDON FLIGHT BUT FACTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO DTI QUICKLY TO PREVENT ISSUE FROM BECOMING MORE SERIOUS THAN IT IS. ON BERLIN FLIGHTS, OUR READING OF BILATERAL ROUTE GRANTS INDICATES PANAM HAS AUTHORITY TO OPERATE FROM NEW YORK AND SEVERAL OTHER US POINTS TO LONDON AND BEYOND TO AMSTERDAM AND/OR BERLIN. IF THIS INTERPRETATION CORRECT, PANAM MAY ONLY HAVE ERRED IN NOT INFORMING UK OF ITS INTENTION TO INITIATE THIS SERVICE SINCE CIVIL AIR ATTACHES AT BONN AND DUTCH GOVERNMENT HAVE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMSTERDAM/BERLIN LEG. ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OR PANAM MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY TO CLEAR UP THESE MISUNDERSTANDINGS WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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